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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Shiqin Xiong

Examiner: Janet L. Andres

Serial No.: 10/608,449

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Title: HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-17 RECEPTOR LIKE MOLECULE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 14, 2005, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to polynucleotides and means of expression.

All the claims in the application involve related subject matter, e.g., human interleukin-17 receptor-like molecule. A search would therefore comprise overlapping subject matter, and it would not be an undue burden on the examiner to carry out a search. "If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct invention." (Emphasis added.) M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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